

Sailors, Marines Now Eligible for New Aviation Certification

The Department of Defense (DoD) has partnered with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to give enlisted mechanics in the military the same credentials as their civilian counterparts. For Sailors and Marines, the Navy and Marine Corps Airframes and Powerplant Program (NMCAPP) has been established at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT), to ensure all aviation technicians are given the opportunity to earn the federal agency's industry standard certification.


In the past, military experience was not widely recognized by the FAA, significantly decreasing Sailor and Marine marketability in the civilian sector. Certifications are now in place for Sailors and Marines which allow mechanics to enroll in the A&P (airframes and power plants) licensing program.

In order to enroll in the 30-month program, participants must meet the following minimum requirements: be 18 years of age, E-4 and have 36 months or more in service. After successful completion of the program and required exams, each participant will receive the airframes and powerplants certification from the FAA.

The benefits to Sailors and Marines include no out-of-pocket expenses, as well as the ability to use their military experience and on-the-job training toward certification.

For more info on the A&P Licensing Program, visit the USMAP Web site at <https://www.cnet.navy.mil/usmap> or visit the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training page on Navy Knowledge Online at www.nko.navy.mil.



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